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**MCCC LIBRARY RECEIVES ‘BRIDGING CULTURES
BOOKSHELF: MUSLIM JOURNEYS’ FROM NEH**

Library to Incorporate Bookshelf into One Book, One Community Campaign

MONROE, Mich. – The Monroe County Community College Library has been named one of 842 libraries and state humanities councils nationwide selected to receive the “Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys,” a project of the National Endowment for the Humanities’ Bridging Cultures initiative.

The MCCC Library has received 25 books and three films and will receive additional materials, including bookmarks, bookplates and posters, in mid-February. The Library has also received information about a Muslim Journeys companion Web site with digital resources relating to the Bridging Cultures Bookshelf.

The “Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys” is conducted by the NEH in cooperation with the American Library Association. Support was provided by a grant from Carnegie Corporation of New York. Additional support for the arts and media components was provided by the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art.

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The Library will incorporate the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf into the upcoming One Book, One Community of Monroe County campaign, of which MCCC is a founding partner. One Book, One Community promotes the value of reading by recommending a compelling book that links community members in a common conversation through readings, group discussions, programs and other events.

The book selection for One Book, One Community 2013, which kicks off in March, is “One Amazing Thing” by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni.

“One Amazing Thing” tells the story of nine people struggling to survive together after being trapped by an earthquake. Faced with the very real possibility of death, one of them suggests that they share “One Amazing Thing” about their lives. The book brings together people from all walks of life to tell a story about the power of human expression.

On April 3 at 7 p.m., one of the film’s from the Bridging Cultures Bookshelf, “Islamic Art: Mirror of the Invisible World,” will be shown in the La-Z-Boy Center at MCCC as part of One Book, One Community 2013.

“Islamic Art: Mirror of the Invisible World,” is a 90-minute film that takes audiences on an epic journey across nine countries and over 1,400 years of history. It explores themes such as the Word, Space, Ornament, Color and Water and presents the stories behind many great masterworks of Islamic Art and Architecture. The documentary film is from executive producers Michael Wolfe and Alex Kronemer. It was produced and directed by Robert Gardner and narrated by Susan Sarandon.

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Founding partners of One Book, One Community of Monroe County include Monroe County Community College, The Foundation at Monroe County Community College, Monroe County Library System and Monroe Publishing Company - Monroe Evening News.

Major sponsors for One Book, One Community 2013 are Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan, Education Plus Credit Union, Books-A-Million, Eastern Michigan University and Siena Heights University.

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